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SUBJECT: AD HOC GROUP ON RELATIONS WITH LDCS

1. HEADS OF DEL HELD LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS OF AD HOC GROUP ON RELATIONS WITH LDCS DURING MEETING ON JUNE 3. WHILE PRECISE SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES REMAINS TO BE WORKED OUT, HEADS OF DEL CONSENSUS WAS THAT A) XCSS WOULD MEET ON JUNE 11 TO DISCUSS AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR WORK OF ADHOC GROUP, B) DELEGATES TO AD HOC GROUP SHOULD MEET ON JUNE 10 TO PREPARE FOR XCSS CONSIDERATION CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON ORGANIZATIONS AND SUBSTANCE OF REVIEW, AND C) DELEGATES TO AD HOC GROUP SHOULD ATTEND XCSS AND BEGIN THEIR WORK EITHER THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 11 OR THE FOLLOWING DAY.

2. THIS REPRESENTS COMPROMISE BETWEEN UK POSITION THAT AD HOC GROUP SHOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT XCSS GUIDANCE AND VIEW PUSHED BY GERMANS, FRENCH AND MOST OTHER DELEGATIONS THAT XCSS GUIDANCE WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT NORTH/SOUTH REVIEW IS LAUNCHED IN ORGANIZED MANNER. ROLE OF JUNE 10 MEETINGS OF DELEGATES TO AD HOC GROUP WOULD BE TO VET SECRETARIAT

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PAPER ON NORTH/SOUTH REVIEW (WHICH IT HOPES TO CIRCULATE

BY END OF THIS WEEK) AND T O ENSURE THAT XCSS DISCUSSION
IS SUFFICIENTLY PREPARED TO ALLOW GROUP TO BEGIN
ACTUAL WORK OF REVIEW IMMEDIATELY.

3. HEADS OF DEL EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE CONFUSION OVER
SUBSTANCE OF NORTH/SOUTH REVIEW AND ITS RELATIONSHIP
TO TIMETABLE OF DISCUSSIONS IN UN AND ELSEWHERE AND
WORK WITHIN THE OECD IN DAC AND AD HOC GROUP ON
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. HOWEVER, NO OTHER DELEGATION
APPEARED TO AGREE WITH UK VIEW THAT REVIEW SHOULD FOCUS
ALMOST SOLELY ON SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND THAT INITIAL
TASK SHOULD BE TO DEVELOP POSITIONS FOR JUNE 16 COORDINA-
TING MEETING IN NEW YORK. IN RESPONSE TO CANADIAN
REQUEST, SECRETARIAT AGREED TO ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE
PRELIMINARY INDICATION OF AREAS ON WHICH IT BELIEVES
REVIEW SHOULD FOCUS BY TOMORROW.
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